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# Aboriginal Corrections

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**PS works with Aboriginal people, governments and organizations** to develop unique and innovative solutions to the challenges that Aboriginal people encounter within the community corrections and criminal justice systems.

We fund pilot projects that use holistic and restorative approaches, emphasizing methods that have not yet been tried. We help Aboriginal communities develop capacity to address crime and victimization. We use the lessons learned through these pilot projects to improve the policies for criminal justice. Our work includes collaborating with and supporting the objectives of Correctional Service Canada and National Parole Board.

As a result of the community-driven initiatives and new policy directions, Aboriginal communities and people are breaking new paths – and often, reinstating traditional cultural paths – leading to effective community justice.

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## Project development

We work closely – very much in a support role – with communities to develop offender treatment projects. The projects involve healing strategies and services for victims, offenders, and their families. Importantly, they are grounded in Aboriginal cultural beliefs. We also work to evaluate projects for their feasibility and sustainability.

## Pilot project funding

Public Safety Canada provides funding for pilot projects that work with victims, offenders and families. We put the emphasis on funding projects that use innovative cultural approaches that have not yet been tried. As well, the projects must be community-driven. Projects are selected based on how well they address the needs of the community, recognizing that each community is unique. It is not a "one-size-fits-all" approach. The projects must seek to deal with serious crime in a way that ensures the safety of all. They must meet the needs of offenders, victims and the surrounding community. How this is done can be very different across the country. The costs of projects are cost-shared with communities and/or provinces and territories. Often funding is received through the Policing, Communities and Corrections Fund, but it can also come from more

than one federal department. The projects must also provide information that can contribute to advancing knowledge in the area of Aboriginal corrections and criminal justice.

### **Training and capacity building**

A small proportion of funds exist to accelerate a community's capacity to implement holistic, restorative, community healing and wellness strategies. This includes training teams in communities that can respond to the needs of victims, offenders, families and communities.

### **Communications**

Funding is also available to support conferences, seminars and gatherings. The goal is to help Aboriginal communities to develop sustainable skills and knowledge for corrections initiatives. Some funds have also been set aside to publish specific research and technical reports.

### **Policy development and support**

We provide policy advice and support to the Minister, Deputy Minister, agencies such as Correctional Service Canada and National Parole Board, negotiators and others in the federal government.

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## Boys and Girls Club of Canada

[http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/res/cp/res/2008-pcpp-eng.aspx#toc\\_4a](http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/res/cp/res/2008-pcpp-eng.aspx#toc_4a)  
<http://www.bgccan.com/index.asp>

### Boys & Girls Club of Canada/America - Programs and Services for At-Risk Youth and Families

**Program Rating:** Promising program

**Target Population:** At-risk youth aged 5-18, families in high-need communities

The Boys and Girls Club is a positive and safe place where children and youth can participate in quality programs and services that promote their healthy growth and development. The Clubs are governed by volunteer boards of directors. The Clubs provide an array of services such as: summer camps; recreational programs; group homes; school-age childcare; drug counselling programs; leadership development programs; peer counselling; support program for teen mothers; or alternative education programs for school dropouts.

#### Method

- Clubs are located in dedicated Boys and Girls Club facilities, schools, church basements or community centres;
- Each Club develops its programs in response to the specific needs of the young people and families in its local community;
- Programs are provided by qualified staff and volunteers and take a child-focused approach to skill development, self-esteem enhancement and character building;
- Boys and Girls Clubs generally operate between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 PM, the hours where children, who are unsupervised, are most vulnerable;
- Membership fees vary from club to club, but are considered flexible and affordable. Fees are waived for families in need to allow all children to participate;
- The Clubs' partnerships with schools, probation and police officers, and other community-based organizations provide referrals;

- Programming is offered in four main areas:
  - **physical activity, health and safety:** sports, meal programs, substance abuse prevention;
  - **leadership, growth and empowerment:** music, art, outdoor adventures, community leadership;
  - **learning and career development:** computer access/training, literacy, homework tutoring, guidance; and
  - **community services:** family/parent support, youth at-risk outreach, emergency shelters.
- Operates on the following five values:
  - **inclusion and opportunity:** offers access to resources and support to children and youth from all economic, cultural and social backgrounds;
  - **respect and belonging:** provides a safe and supportive place for children, where volunteers model honesty, fair play, positive attitude, cooperation and respect for self and others;
  - **empowerment:** encourages and empowers youth to develop healthy lifestyles, life-long passions for learning, leadership, life skills and a sense of social responsibility;
  - **collaboration:** works with families, volunteers, public and private sector partners to create healthy community solutions for youth development; and
  - **speaking out:** speaking out on behalf of children, youth, and their families to reduce disadvantages, enhance their lives and enable their voices to be heard.

### **Additional Information**

- Given the limited time available, Clubs felt it was most useful to focus on developing relationships with just a few key agencies;
- Partnerships tended to last longer when they involved ongoing, regular collaboration;
- Providing rewards and incentives was a useful strategy for retaining youth who were more difficult to involve in Club activities; and
- Staff turnover was an issue for the program - a high turnover often diminished their capacity to provide quality programming and forge lasting staff relationships with youth, other staff, and outside agencies.

### **Evaluation**

21 evaluations of Club programs and activities over 20 years were examined to determine Club membership's overall impact:

- 59% of surveyed youth felt a sense of belonging to the Club (that they mattered and were listened to);

- 50% of youth recruits were retained 2 years into the study; 1 year after joining approximately 70% of youth were still attending the Club at least once a month;
- 59% of respondents felt that the Clubs had helped in their school life;
- 60% of respondents felt that the Clubs had helped in their family life; and
- 74% of respondents felt that the Clubs helped them to be able to avoid coming into conflict with the law.

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# Crime Prevention Action Fund

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/prg/cp/cpaf-index-eng.aspx>

**The Crime Prevention Action Fund (CPAF)** provides time-limited funding to assist communities and organizations in two specific areas:

1. Developing and implementing crime prevention initiatives that address known risk and protective factors associated with offending behaviour. To learn more about these risk factors, see [Risk and protective factors](#). These projects will support evidence-based interventions aimed at reducing offending among at-risk children and youth, and high risk offenders in communities. These projects focus on the delivery of direct interventions.
2. Developing and implementing knowledge transfer initiatives that focus on the application of research-based evidence to inform crime prevention practice. These projects may take the form of tool and resource development, testing and dissemination, conferences, workshops, colloquiums, other training or innovative approaches to the transfer of knowledge about crime prevention.

Evidence-based approaches rest on two main characteristics: a) they clearly establish the links between identified risks, interventions and outcomes and b) they use the knowledge base of evaluated interventions.

Our priorities are to:

- address early risk factors among vulnerable children and youth at risk;
- respond to priority crime issues (e.g. youth gangs, drug-related crime);
- prevent recidivism among high risk groups; and
- foster prevention in Aboriginal communities

## **Main Objectives:**

- To support evidence-based models and promising practices which address known risk and protective factors to reduce offending among at-risk children and youth, and high risk offenders in communities
- To support the dissemination of knowledge and the development of tools and resources related to effective crime prevention projects; and
- To support innovative projects to explore ways of responding to known risk and protective factors related to offending among at-risk children and youth, and high risk offenders in communities.

## **Outcomes:**

Short term outcomes:

- Targeted at-risk individuals and populations are reached through support and interventions provided by projects;
- Knowledge of effective crime prevention resources, tools and best practices is increased

Intermediate outcomes:

- Positive changes in risk and protective factors among at-risk children and youth are realized;
- Positive changes in risk and protective factors for youth at risk of involvement in crimes such as those related to gangs and drugs are realized;
- Positive changes in risk and protective factors for high risk offenders in communities are realized; and
- More effective strategies to prevent and reduce crime are utilized; knowledge about what works is applied in practice.

Ultimate outcomes: Reduced offending among identified populations

### **Project evaluation**

Evaluation is a key activity in the implementation of the National Crime Prevention Strategy. In addition to the regular monitoring and reporting required of all funded projects, the NCPC supports robust and rigorous evaluation of selected projects or groups of projects. The NCPC provides assistance to develop evaluation plans that are appropriate to the type of project being undertaken.

The results of project evaluations contribute to building the evidence and knowledge about effective crime prevention. Through project evaluations, the NCPC identifies promising and innovative crime prevention practices and approaches. The dissemination of knowledge obtained from evaluations enables people in communities, policy-makers and program designers to develop more effective crime prevention initiatives, locally and nationally. For more information on project evaluation, please see [NCPC publications – Building the evidence](#).

## Fast Track

[http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/res/cp/res/2008-pcpp-eng.aspx#toc\\_4b](http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/res/cp/res/2008-pcpp-eng.aspx#toc_4b)

**Program Rating:** Promising program

**Target Population:** Youth at-risk, grades 1 through 6

Fast Track is a long-term prevention program that views antisocial behaviour as stemming from multiple influences in the child's life, including the school, the home, and the peer group. The program targets youth in grades 1 through 6 who have disruptive behaviour and poor peer relations. The program has been implemented with success in Great Britain, Australia, Canada, and the United States.

The main goals of Fast Track are:

- enhance youth's problem solving skills;
- enhance social and cognitive skills;
- improve peer relations;
- decrease disruptive behaviour;
- increase communication skills; and
- build bonds between the school, home, and peers.

### Method

- Fast track is a multidimensional program and includes the following components:
  - **parent training:** occurs in the first grade and emphasizes controlling anger, encouraging academic performance, and using effective discipline;
  - **home visitations:** occur biweekly and teaches parenting skills and problem solving skills;
  - **social skills training:** teaches children social-cognitive and problem solving skills, anger control, and peer relations; and
  - **classroom intervention:** uses the PATHS curriculum to develop emotional awareness and problem-solving skills.
- The program is implemented over a period of 5 years, from grade 1 to grade 6; and
- The program is implemented by the teacher in the classroom and by program coordinators outside the classroom setting.

### **Additional Information**

- Fast Track targets risk factors such as anti-social behaviour, early onset of aggression, mental disorder, family management problems, truancy, low school attachment, and association with delinquent and aggressive peers;
- This program has been demonstrated to be effective when implemented under various conditions including in both rural and urban areas and with children of varying ethnicity, social class, and family composition; and
- The Fast Track program is based on the hypothesis that working with the parents, youth, and school will contribute to the prevention of antisocial behaviour. The program aims to do this by improving the competency of the child, increasing the effectiveness of the parents, enhancing the bonds and positive experiences associated with the school, and improving communication between the school and home.

### **Evaluation**

Evaluations of the effectiveness of Fast Track have demonstrated that compared to the control groups, youth who participated in the program had better feedback about their behaviour from parents and teachers, they were less disruptive and aggressive within the classroom, there was less physical punishment used by parents, and parents were more involved in school activities.

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## Functional Family Therapy

[http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/res/cp/res/2008-pcpp-eng.aspx#toc\\_4b](http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/res/cp/res/2008-pcpp-eng.aspx#toc_4b)

**Program Rating:** Promising program

**Target Population:** Youth at-risk aged 11-18, families

Functional Family Therapy (FFT) is a family-based prevention and intervention program for youths aged 11 to 18 with delinquency, substance abuse and violence issues. It has been successfully applied with various ethnic groups, in different socioeconomic contexts and for different issues (drug/alcohol use, delinquency and violence).

FFT is a multisystemic prevention program designed to:

- reduce the negativism associated with families at risk;
- strengthen ties within the family;
- improve parents' ability to manage family conflicts;
- develop positive behaviours; and
- strengthen parent skills to enable them to provide coherent, structured discipline to their children.

### Method

- FFT is considered to be a short program, delivered by therapists in the homes of the participating families;
- FFT is based on a clinical approach: in each of the three phases, listed below, the therapist identifies risk and protective factors and intervenes with the family and with each individual;
- There are three phases:
  1. **engagement and motivation:** reducing the negativism associated with families at risk;
  2. **change and behaviour:** reducing and eliminating behavioural problems and improving family relations; and
  3. **generalization:** increasing families' ability to use community resources and prevent relapses.
- A family therapist working with one family at a time;
- Families with a range of problems have family treatment included in their therapy;
- Generally over a three-month period (one 8-12 hour session for mild cases to 30 sessions for families in difficulty; average 12 sessions per family);

- Intervention is based on the acquisition and development of skills to improve family communication, management of family conflicts and parent conduct; and
- Cost is about \$2,000 per family.

### **Additional Information**

- FFT combines and integrates empirically supported principles and clinical experience;
- A team is made up of between three and eight clinical workers who receive intensive, sustained training; there is a 12-month follow-up, conducted over the telephone;
- In the medium and long term, a practice and research team enables the clinical placements using the program to participate in disseminating their results on the effects of the FFT model;
- The FFT program is successful because it is multi-systemic, in that it emphasizes training the therapist, the community and the clinical treatment system; and
- Cost of the program: on average, per family, for 12 visits, the cost ranges from \$1,350 to \$3,750 (Lawrence A. et al., 2001).

### **Evaluation**

- FFT's results are better than conventional probation, residential treatment and alternative therapeutic approaches;
- It also reduces the likelihood of delinquency on the part of the young person's siblings;
- Reduces the number of placements;
- Very good cost effectiveness ratio: between \$700 and \$1,000 per participating family, compared to a minimum of \$6,000 for placement, resulting in an average of \$13,500 (Mihalic S., Irwin K., et al., 2001); and
- The effectiveness of this approach has been demonstrated in a number of projects over the past 25 years or so (Greenwood P., 2004).

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## Linking the Interests of Family and Teachers

[http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/res/cp/res/2008-pcpp-eng.aspx#toc\\_4b](http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/res/cp/res/2008-pcpp-eng.aspx#toc_4b)

**Program Rating:** Promising program

**Target Population:** Youth at-risk, grades 1 and 5

Linking the Interests of Family and Teachers (LIFT) is a school-based intervention program focusing on conduct problems. It aims to intervene early in a child's development and target the behaviours and factors that lead to delinquency in later life. The program is directed towards school-age boys and girls in grades 1 and 5 and their families who live in at-risk neighbourhoods.

The main goals of LIFT are:

- decrease children's antisocial behavior and increase their pro-social behavior;
- decrease negative social skills such as opposition, deviance, and social ineptitude; and
- aid the development of parenting practices (disciplining and monitoring) among disadvantaged parents.

### Method

- The LIFT program is centered on three main components:
- 1.a classroom-based problem-solving and social skills training;
- 2.a playground based behaviour modification; and
- 3.a group-delivered parent training.
- The classroom component contains 20, one-hour sessions. Each session follows the same format and is composed of lecture and role playing on a specific social or problem solving skill, structured group skills practice, unstructured free play, and skills review and daily awards. These activities are similar for both first and fifth graders, however fifth graders also receive a study skills component.
- A modification of the Good Behaviour Game serves as the playground component. Each class is divided into small groups for playground play. Children can earn rewards by avoiding negative behaviours and exhibiting positive problem solving skills on the playground.
- Parents are taught how to create a home environment that is most conducive to the ongoing practice of good discipline and supervision through a series of 6 meetings at their child's school. Each meeting provides a review of the results from home practice exercises, a lecture, discussion and

role plays of issues for the current week, and a presentation of home practice exercises for the following week.

- The program takes place over a course of 10 weeks.
- A trained LIFT teacher implements the classroom components of the program and other trained members of the LIFT staff implement the parental training segment of the program.

### **Additional Information**

- The LIFT program increases parental involvement by creating a telephone line, called the LIFT line, where parents could call to hear about daily messages about class activities, special events, and homework assignments. Also, when parents were unable to attend a parenting session, the material covered in the session was delivered to the home to encourage participation in the program within the home.
- The LIFT program is effective because it is based on the coercion theory, which has been demonstrated to be effective at preventing delinquent child behaviour. The theory states that negative reinforcement promotes the development of problem behaviours in children.
- LIFT is effective because it targets problem behaviours in every relationship within the child's life (child-parent, child-teacher, and child-peer).

### **Evaluation**

- One study evaluated the effect of the program on 600 first and third grade students from at-risk neighbourhoods. The results demonstrated that those participating in the LIFT program had better problem-solving and conflict resolution skills and lower levels of aggressive behaviour than those who did not participate.
- Another evaluation showed that the most aggressive children prior to participating in the program had the greatest decrease in aggressive behaviour after the completion of LIFT.
- Parents who had the highest pre-intervention levels of aversive behaviours had the largest reduction in these behaviours.

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## Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/res/cp/res/2008-pcpp-eng.aspx>

**Program Rating:** Model program

**Target Population:** Youth at-risk, families

The Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC) is a cost effective alternative to incarceration, hospitalization, or residential treatment. The MTFC model is based on the Social Learning Theory, which states that interactions with individuals help to shape behaviour in social contexts. Interactions within the family help to build pro-social patterns of behaviour that the child can use outside of the home. The model also uses a multi-modal treatment approach, which includes behavioural skills training in several different settings such as the home, school, and peer group. The program targets teenagers with histories of chronic criminal behaviour. The individuals targeted have problems with antisocial behaviour, emotional disturbance and are at risk of being hospitalized in a psychiatric institution or being imprisoned.

The major goals of MTFC are:

- to create supports and opportunities for children and adolescents so they can have a successful community living experience;
- to decrease future delinquency and antisocial behaviour; and
- to prepare their parents, relatives, or other aftercare placement resources to use skills and methods that will allow youngsters to maintain the gains they made while in MTFC once they return home.

### Method

- In Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care, both the community families and the biological (or adoptive) families receive training. The community families are recruited and trained to implement a structured, individualized program for a youth that has chronic delinquent behaviour. In this portion of the program, the community family must:
  - set rules, expectations and limits and discipline the individual for going beyond these rules and expectations;
  - attend weekly support meeting that focus on the individual treatment program for the youth; and
  - monitor the peer relationships and behaviour of the individual and place a heavy emphasis on teaching interpersonal skills and participation in social activities.
- The second part of the program is focused on educating the biological or adopted parents of the individualized plans so that when the youth returns

home, they will have a continuation of the MTFC treatment program. This requires that the family:

- attend weekly family therapy and treatment sessions, during which the family learns effective methods for supervising, disciplining, and encouraging the youth; and
- participate in home visits, during which the youth returns home for a short period of time. This gives the family a chance to briefly implement the youth's individualized program.
- The MTFC lasts from 6 to 9 months and the cost per youth in MTFC averages approximately \$3,900 per month, which is from one-half to one-third less than residential, group or hospital placements; and
- Staffing teams implement MTFC and are composed mainly of a program supervisor, an individual therapist, and skill trainers. Additionally, community families and the biological families implement the program within their households.

### **Additional Information**

- One distinguishing characteristic of the MTFC model is the use of a treatment team with clearly defined roles. Each person has their own responsibility and there is no overlap between responsibilities. Staffing teams are structured to deal with 10 cases.
- The initial implementation of the MTFC model may be difficult because each aspect of the program must be planned clearly. Without a clear plan for program development, the program may ultimately fail. Additionally, it may be difficult to recruit qualified foster parents, to match referrals to homes, and to promote teamwork between foster parents and staff.
- The MTFC model described within represents a departure from most typical mental health and child welfare practices. This is because paraprofessionals (the MTFC parents) provide the front-line services and therapists often only promote youth skill development. Furthermore, unlike most practices, group treatment for youth is avoided.

### **Evaluation**

Evaluations of MTFC have demonstrated that youth who participate in the program compared to those who do not spent 60% fewer days incarcerated 12 months after the completion of the program. Additionally, they had fewer arrests, ran away from their programs less, used less hard drugs during the follow-up period, and had better school attendance.

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# National Office for Victims

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/prq/sc/nov/nov-bnv-eng.aspx>

## Working with victims of federal offenders

[Working with victims of federal offenders \(PDF 427KB\)](#)

Established in 2005, The National Office for Victims (NOV) is part of Public Safety Canada and is co-located with the Policy Centre for Victim Issues (PCVI) at the Department of Justice. The NOV operates a toll-free line, 1-866-525-0554, which victims may call from anywhere in Canada or the United States.

### What is the role of the office?

The National Office for Victims is a central resource offering information and support on federal corrections issues. As part of its mandate, the office:

- offers general information for victims and the public;
- provides referrals to the Correctional Services of Canada (CSC) and the National Parole Board (NPB) for specific enquiries;
- ensures that a victim's perspective is included in national policy development; and
- develops information products for dissemination to victims, victim service providers and the general public.

CSC Victim Services Officers and NPB Regional Communication Officers remain the primary source of ongoing information for registered victims.

**To register for the victim's notification service**, please call either CSC at 1-866-806-2275 or the NPB at 1-866-789-INFO (4636). These toll-free victim information lines can be accessed from anywhere in Canada and the United States.

### Addressing the needs of victims: A shared responsibility

As a general rule, the Correctional Service of Canada is responsible for offenders serving two years or more. The correctional service of the province or territory where the offenders was sentenced is responsible for sentences of less than two years.

The National Parole Board may grant, deny or revoke the parole of all offenders except those serving less than two years in Ontario and Quebec. Provincial parole boards have been established in those provinces.

### **Other federal services for victims**

The Correctional Service of Canada, the National Parole Board, the Policy Centre for Victim Issues at the Department of Justice and the Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime also provide a number of services for victims.

### **Correctional Service of Canada**

The Correctional Service of Canada, through the Victim Services Program, has dedicated regional Victim Services Managers and Victim Services Officers who are responsible for managing information and services to victims of offenders under federal jurisdiction.

CSC also offers victim-offender mediation. The mediation process is entirely voluntary. To find out more, please contact CSC's Restorative Justice Unit at 613-947-7309.

### **National Parole Board**

The National Parole Board has a team of Communications Officers in each region to provide information and services to victims. Registered victims can obtain a copy of NPB decisions, present impact statements at NPB hearings and attend hearings as observers. Communications Officers are also available to attend NPB hearings with victims.

### **Department of Justice Policy Centre for Victim Issues**

The Policy Centre for Victim Issues in the Department of Justice provides a victim's lens for criminal law reform and policy development. PCVI works closely with other federal departments to ensure a consistent approach to improving the experience of victims in the criminal justice system.

PCVI has a broad mandate that includes:

- conducting research;
- raising awareness about the needs and concerns of victims;
- developing public information materials;

- consulting with stakeholders to identify areas of concern and options for law and policy reform; and
- administering the Victim Fund which supports victims through funding to provinces and territories for victim services programming, non-governmental victim serving organizations and limited financial assistance directly to victims.

Victims may also apply to the Victim Fund for financial assistance to attend National Parole Board hearings of the offender who harmed them. In order to receive this financial assistance, victims must be registered with CSC or the NPB.

### **Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime**

The Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime was established in 2007 and is mandated to ensure that the federal government meets its responsibilities regarding victims as set out in the *Corrections and Conditional Release Act* and the *Canadian Statement of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime*. The Ombudsman is an independent resource for victims and can address complaints from victims of offenders under federal supervision and any other matter within federal responsibility.

The Ombudsman may also identify and explore systemic and emerging issues that impact negatively on victims of crime.

For more information or to contact the Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime, please call, toll free, 1-866-481-8429.

### **For more information**

To learn more about victim services, please contact your local police force, check your phone book's Government Pages for "victim services", or visit the following websites:

- [Public Safety Canada](#)
- [Correctional Service of Canada](#)
- [National Parole Board of Canada](#)
- [Department of Justice Canada](#)
- [Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime](#)

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# Policy Development Contributions Program

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/prg/pdcp/index-eng.aspx>

**Public Safety Canada's Policy Development Contributions Program (PDCP)** supports strategic projects undertaken by the Department's stakeholders that contribute to policy making, and improved service delivery, in the areas of public safety and emergency management.

Eligible recipients for the Contributions Program include Canadian provinces, territories, public and private non-profit organizations, aboriginal governments, local non-government organizations (NGOs) and national voluntary organizations.

Three categories of projects are eligible under the program:

- a. **Communications/Information Exchange Projects (12 months maximum):**
  - Support communication/information exchange in the priority areas of public safety and emergency management.
- b. **Innovative and Research Projects (60 months maximum):**
  - Support public policy issues of strategic importance to Public Safety Canada through selective research,
  - Support the development and implementation of policies and legislation,
  - Test innovative approaches to improve service delivery mechanisms, and;
  - Support coordination of policy and legislation initiatives across sectors and jurisdictions.
- c. **Training and Skills Development Projects (24 months maximum):**
  - Support learning and the ability to translate knowledge into action for communities and community-based organizations that contribute to enhanced public safety and national security.

## Key links in terms and conditions

- [Program Description and Objectives](#)
- [Expected Results](#)
- [Eligible Recipients](#)
- [Eligible Costs](#)

## Further Information:

For more information about the PDCP, please visit  
<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/prg/pdcp/trms-cond-eng.aspx#s1>

# Security Infrastructure Program

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/media/nr/2009/nr20090510-1-eng.aspx>

In July 2007, the Minister of Public Safety announced the Security Infrastructure Pilot (SIP) Program - a \$3 million initiative to support communities at risk of hate-motivated crime. The pilot program is being extended for another year.

The SIP Program is intended to help defray the costs of security infrastructure enhancements including:

- security assessments (not to exceed 25% of total project costs) ;
- security equipment and hardware, such as alarm systems, closed-circuit televisions, digital video recorders, fences, gates, lighting, intercom systems;
- minor construction costs related to the project, such as contractor fees, labour, equipment rental, installation fees; and
- training costs directly related to the new security infrastructure.

Organizations eligible for SIP funding are not-for-profit community centres, provincially recognized educational institutions, and places of worship with a demonstrated history of being victimized by hate-motivated crime. Public institutions and for-profit organizations are **not** eligible for funding.

Funding is available this year with an application deadline set for **July 17, 2009**.

Officials from Public Safety Canada are available to provide information to interested organizations and encourage applicants to submit their proposals on or before the deadline date of June 17, 2009.

Please refer to [www.publicsafety.gc.ca](http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca) for details on how organizations can apply for funding or email the SIP Program Office at [sip@ps-sp.gc.ca](mailto:sip@ps-sp.gc.ca). The office can also be reached by telephone at 1-866-788-8156 or 613-991-7076.

## Contact information:

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## Stop Now and Plan (SNAP)

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/res/cp/res/2008-pcpp-eng.aspx>

**Program Rating:** Model program

**Target Population:** Children and youth engaged in offending, aged 6-12

The SNAP™ program is a community based program for children who have come into contact or are at risk of coming into contact with the criminal justice system and display early signs of anti-social or aggressive behaviour. The program uses behaviour modification techniques to decrease the risks of the children engaging in future delinquent behaviour. SNAP™ focuses on both boys and girls in between the ages of 6 and 12.

The main goals of SNAP™ are:

- reduce aggressive and anti-social behaviour;
- prevent future delinquency;
- teach anger and impulse control in both children and their parents; and
- teach children effective behavioural skills for reducing aggressive and delinquent behaviour.

### Method

- The program has two different sets of courses, one for children and one for the parents. The core program consists of 10 components lasting 1.5 hours each occurring over a span of 12 weeks. For children at a higher risk of developing problem behaviours, three additional components, which focus on in-home family counselling, may be administered. The adult courses teach parents to put disciplines into place that consistently target misbehaviour. The program also taught adults good parenting skills such as problem-solving and monitoring skills. In the youth courses, aggressive behaviours are changed through behaviour management strategies, role-playing, problem-solving exercises, generalization activities, and social reinforcements.
- The cost of implementing the SNAP™ program is approximately \$350,000 per year for 63 children.
- The program is implemented by individuals who have undergone training sessions with the Child Development Institute.

### **Additional Information**

- SNAP™ works with various cultural and racial backgrounds as well as with various individual, family, and community risk factors (e.g. disadvantaged communities);
- SNAP™ teaches both parents and other role models (e.g. teachers) the same skills as the child is learning to reinforce positive behaviour and the use of the SNAP™ technique; and
- SNAP™ only employs treatment strategies and models that have been demonstrated to aid in preventing delinquent and anti-social behaviour among children.

### **Evaluation**

- Results demonstrate that SNAP™ is effective for dealing with children with conduct problems;
- Studies have shown that children who participate in the program are twice as likely not to have a criminal record by their 18th birthday;
- 60% of the high-risk children that participate in the program do not have a criminal record by the age of 18; and
- Parents participating in the program report a greater confidence in their ability to raise a child and experience less stress while interacting with their children.

### **Contact Information:**

Child Development Institute  
197 Euclid Ave.  
Toronto, Ontario  
M6J 2J8  
Tel.: 416-603-1827  
E-mail: [mail@childdevelop.ca](mailto:mail@childdevelop.ca)

# Sustaining Funding Program

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/prg/cor/sustfun-eng.aspx>

Public Safety Canada offers grants and contributions to national voluntary organizations (NVOs) that work in the area of criminal justice and whose objectives and activities support and promote the public safety mandate and priorities of the Department.

The Sustaining Funding Program (SFP) provides funding to NVOs who are, for the most part, active in the area of corrections. The funding is meant to help these organizations maintain a national structure and cover core operating expenses, such as staff payroll and office equipment leases. The SFP provides a total of nearly \$1.8M annually in the form of grants to NVOs which meet program eligibility criteria.

Learn more about the program below:

- [Eligibility criteria](#)
- [Review and approval](#)
- [How to apply](#)
- [For more information](#)

## Eligibility criteria

Applicants must meet the following nine criteria, providing proof that their organization:

- is an NVO or a not-for-profit organization occupying a strategic position and undertaking critical functions enabling it to provide valuable advice in keeping with Public Safety Canada's mandate;
- has objectives and activities directly related to those of the Public Safety Canada;
- has a board of directors;
- has internal accountability measures;
- is well established and has a high level of credibility;
- is normally able to secure at least five per cent (5%) of its core funding from sources other than the federal government;
- has a visible constituency;
- is actively engaged in pursuing its stated objectives through strategies and activities acceptable in a free and democratic society; and
- agrees to provide information requested by Public Safety Canada in accordance with the Treasury Board's Transfer Payment Policy.

## Review and approval

As part of the governance structure of the program, the grant applications are first reviewed by the Department's Liaison Committee on Relations with the Voluntary Sector, and ultimately approved by the Minister.

Funding provided to NVOs is disbursed over a one-year funding cycle, subject to annual Parliamentary appropriations.

## How to apply

The applications for grants under SFP must include the following materials:

- [Eligibility form \(MS Word Version 73KB\)](#) provided by the Department and completed by the recipient
- Applicant's most recent annual report
- Projected budget showing all revenues from all sources, including in-kind support as well as all expected expenses for the following fiscal year
- List of names, titles and telephone numbers of people responsible for managing the grant
- Copy of most recent audited financial statement
- Copies of recent reports, conference proceedings or other documents that demonstrate the activities of the organization, if available

*Applications must be submitted no later than November 1, 2009 to:*

Sustaining Funding Program  
Corrections and Criminal Justice Directorate  
340 Laurier Avenue West  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0P8

# Victims Fund

<http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/pi/pb-dgp/prog/vf-fv.html#fund>

## Overview

The Victims Fund, co-managed by the Policy Centre for Victims Issues and Programs Branch supports a wide range of projects and activities designed to improve the experience of victims in the criminal justice system.

For more information on the Policy Centre of Victims Issues as well as issues of importance to victims in the criminal justice system, please visit the web site of the [Policy Centre for Victims Issues](#).

The Objectives of the Fund are:

- to promote access to justice and participation by victims in the justice system;
- to promote the development of law, policies and programs for victims;
- to encourage other levels of government to implement principles, guidelines and laws designed to address the needs of victims of crime and articulate the victim's role in the criminal justice system;
- to increase knowledge and awareness of the impact of victimization, the needs of victims of crime, available services, assistance and programs, and relevant legislation;
- to encourage governmental and non-governmental organizations to identify victim needs and gaps in services, and develop and deliver programs, services and assistance to victims;
- to promote capacity-building within non-governmental organizations; and
- to provide direct, limited, emergency financial assistance to:
  - individual victims of crime in exceptional circumstances for emergency situations of undue hardship where no other source of financial assistance is available
  - family members of victims of homicide who incur expenses to attend *Criminal Code* section 745.6 early parole eligibility hearings.
- to provide financial assistance to individual Canadian victims of a specified serious violent crime in a foreign jurisdiction for emergency situations of undue hardship where no other source of financial assistance is available (specified crimes are homicide, sexual assault, aggravated assault or assault with serious personal violence, including against a child)  
<http://canada.justice.gc.ca/eng/pi/pcvi-cpcv/fun-fin2.html>.

- to provide financial assistance to individual victims of offenders under federal jurisdiction/supervision who incur expenses to attend National Parole Board hearings in respect of the offender. Information on Financial Assistance for Victims to Attend National Parole Board Hearings can also be obtain by calling 1-866-544-1007  
<http://canada.justice.gc.ca/eng/pi/pcvi-cpcv/fun-fin2.html>
- to provide financial assistance to an individual support person to attend or support registered victims to attend National Parole Board hearings  
<http://canada.justice.gc.ca/eng/pi/pcvi-cpcv/fun-fin2.html>.

There are three components of the Victims Fund. These components directly support the objectives of the Victims of Crime Initiative:

**1. Provincial and Territorial implementation:**

This component of the Victims Fund is designed to encourage implementation of federal and provincial/territorial legislation for victims of crime including *Criminal Code* provisions, such as victim impact statements, testimonial aids. It also supports the adherence to the Canadian Statement of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime.

**Only provinces and territories are eligible for funding under this component.**

**2. Projects and Activities Component:**

This component makes funding available, through grants and contributions, to governmental and non-governmental organizations. Projects and activities eligible for funding include those that encourage the development of new approaches, promote access to justice for victims of crime, improve the capacity of victim service providers, foster the establishment of referral networks and/or increase awareness of services available to victims of crime and their families.

The Project and Activities component also provides funding to support the organization of National Victims of Crime Awareness Week events

<http://canada.justice.gc.ca/eng/pi/pcvi-cpcv/fun-fin2.html>

**3. Financial Assistance Component:**

This component provides financial assistance to victims of crime in specific circumstances as outlined above. For more information on applying for financial assistance please access the [funding site of the PCVI](#).

**Please Note: The Victims Fund does not provide compensation to victims of crime.** Some provinces and territories have programs to provide compensation. Links to provincial governments can be found at <http://canada.justice.gc.ca/eng/pi/pcvi-cpcv/fun-fin.html>

**ADDITIONAL FUNDING INFORMATION**

## **Activities**

The types of projects that could receive funding include:

- projects to assist victims of crime;
- projects to increase awareness and access to services for victims, with a focus on those in northern and rural communities; and
- projects to enhance the capacity of victim service providers, and to set up and implement referral networks, public-education projects and training.

## **Who is eligible?**

- not-for-profit agencies and organizations;
- individuals;
- educational institutions;
- bands and tribal councils;
- non-governmental organizations;
- provincial, territorial, municipal and regional governments;
- private-sector organizations sponsoring non-profit projects; and
- governmental and non-governmental international organizations of which Canada is a member.

## **Other Points to Consider**

Project funding under the Projects and Activities Component can be, and often is, accessed in conjunction with other program funding. Applications will be reviewed carefully to determine linkages to other initiatives/programs so that funding can be shared when appropriate. As well funds are limited; it is not possible to fund all projects that meet the eligibility criteria. Projects that demonstrate that they can best meet the information needs of the Department will be given priority consideration.

More funds are requested than there are funds available. A project has a greater chance of securing funding if there are other funding partners and there is demonstrated support from organizations in the community. Often, the Victims Fund cannot cover the full cost of a project and can only contribute toward the cost. The Victims Fund generally limits funding to a maximum of \$50,000, with most projects receiving between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

## **How to Apply**

If you are applying for Emergency Financial Assistance for Canadians Victimized Abroad or Financial Assistance for Victims to Attend National Parole Board Hearings, please use the specific application form links found on the site of the [Policy Centre for Victims Issues](#).

To submit a request for funding, we suggest that you complete the Application/Proposal Form: [HTML / PDF Format](#) (106 kb, [PDF Help](#)) / [Word Format](#) (118 kb).

We suggest that you refer to the guide entitled "[How to Apply for Funding - A Guide to Preparing a Proposal](#)" before completing your application. The guide provides detailed information on all the items that you are required to address in the application form.

## **Official Languages**

In support of [Section 41](#) of the *Official Languages Act* the Department is committed to facilitate the participation of official language minority communities and their organizations in the development and assessment of the Department's policies, programs and services having significant impact on the development of the communities; and to take measures to ensure that the Department of Justice's programs and services reach official language minority communities. In the context of project funding, these measures include:

- Outreach to official language minority communities to enhance their understanding of the Department of Justice funding programs
- Encouraging contacts between organizations that are receiving financial assistance and official language minority organizations/groups to ensure that the needs of these communities are taken into consideration in relation to the proposed projects to be considered for Department of Justice Canada funding.

## **Sustainable Development**

We encourage you to submit your application electronically. If you submit your application on paper, please consider printing on both sides of the paper. These actions will minimize environmental impacts.

Send the application form by:

1. mail to:  
Programs Branch  
Department of Justice Canada  
284 Wellington Street, 6th Floor  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0H8
2. Telephone: 613-941-4193  
fax at 613 941-2269
3. **Please provide an electronic version of the application form**  
e-mail at [pb-dgp@justice.gc.ca](mailto:pb-dgp@justice.gc.ca)

## Contact Information

For further information about the Victims Fund:

Programs Branch  
Department of Justice Canada  
284 Wellington Street, 6th Floor  
Ottawa, Ontario  
CANADA  
K1A 0H8

Telephone: 613 957-9581

Fax: 613 941-2269

E-mail: [pb-dgp@justice.gc.ca](mailto:pb-dgp@justice.gc.ca)

Financial Assistance to attend NPB hearings: 1-866-544-1007

# Youth Gang Prevention Fund

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/prg/cp/ygpf-index-eng.aspx>

**The Youth Gang Prevention Fund (YGPF)** invests in communities where youth gangs are an existing or emerging threat and supports initiatives that clearly target youth in gangs or at greatest risk of joining gangs.

For information about the fund and YGPF projects underway across Canada, please contact the NCPC National Office at 1-877-302-6272 or send an email to [prevention@ps.gc.ca](mailto:prevention@ps.gc.ca).

To be kept informed of news regarding the NCPC Youth Gang Prevention Fund (YGPF) and other crime prevention information, please register with the [NCPC distribution list](#).

## Free and Secure Trade

[www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/prog/fast-expres/menu-eng.html](http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/prog/fast-expres/menu-eng.html)

The Free and Secure Trade (FAST) program is a commercial clearance program designed to ensure safety and security while expediting legitimate trade across the Canada–U.S. border.

### **About FAST**

FAST is a joint initiative between the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection that enhances border and trade chain security while making cross-border commercial shipments simpler and subject to fewer delays.

It is a voluntary program that enables the CBSA to work closely with the private sector to enhance border security, combat organized crime and terrorism, and prevent contraband smuggling. Under the U.S. Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, FAST members who are Canadian or U.S. citizens can use their FAST membership card as an alternative document to the passport when entering the United States by land or water. Permanent residents of Canada or the United States still require a passport and visa (if applicable) to enter the United States.

The CBSA and industry are mutually committed to maintaining the FAST program requirements and they work together to achieve compliance and to find solutions to problems.

### **How it works**

All FAST program participants (drivers, carriers and importers) must undergo a risk assessment. FAST-approved participants are identified as low risk, which enables the CBSA to focus its resources and security efforts on travellers of high or unknown risk.

When a FAST-approved driver arrives at the border, he or she presents three bar-coded documents to the border services officer (one for each of the participating parties: the driver, the carrier and the importer). The officer can quickly scan the bar codes while all trade data declarations and verifications are done at a later time, away from the border.

Under FAST, eligible goods arriving for approved companies and transported by approved carriers using registered drivers are cleared into Canada or the United States with greater speed and certainty, which reduces costs for FAST participants.

Also, as of November 25, 2009, FAST members can use their FAST membership card as proof of identity and citizenship to enter Canada in all lanes, including regular highway lanes, even in a non-commercial vehicle.

### **Where it is available**

Dedicated FAST lanes have been established at a number of [major border crossings](#).

### **Benefits**

- You gain access to dedicated lanes (where available) for faster and more efficient border clearance;
- In all highway lanes, including the regular, non-dedicated lanes, you can use your FAST membership card as proof of identity and a document that denotes citizenship when entering Canada;
- FAST is a streamlined process that reduces delivery times and landed costs of imports;
- There is no need to transmit transactional data for every transaction;
- Minimal documentation required to clear the border;
- FAST provides increased certainty at the border resulting in fewer delays;
- FAST is a unified, ongoing partnership with the CBSA;
- The program promotes Canadian competitiveness; and
- The program advances voluntary compliance and self-assessment.

### **FAST-eligible goods**

In order to qualify for the streamlined FAST process, goods imported into Canada must meet these conditions:

- They must not be prohibited, controlled or regulated importations as set out in any act of Parliament or provincial legislation;
- They must not be subject to the release requirements of any other government department; and
- They must be shipped directly to Canada from the continental United States or Mexico.